

Connectives (連接詞)

Connectives are used to join words, phrases or sentences together.

They are very useful in:

- Writing
- Reading
- Speaking
- Listening

Commonly Used Connectives (For P5-6)

1. Reason (原因)

	Connectives	Meaning	Example sentences
1.	because	因為	Ken didn't go to school because he got the flu.
2.	since		Ken didn't go to school since he got the flu.
3.	as		Ken didn't go to school as he got the flu.
4.	because of		Ken didn't go to school because of the flu.

	Position		Followed By
	At the start of the sentence	In the middle of the sentence	
because			Sentence
since / as			Sentence
because of			Noun / Noun phrase



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2. Result (結果)

	Connectives	Meaning	Example sentences	Position
1.	so	所以、	I ate too much, so I got fat.	In the middle of the sentence
2.	therefore	因此	I ate too much. Therefore , I got fat.	At the start of the sentence

3. Contrast (轉折、對比)

	Connectives	Meaning	Example sentences
1.	although	雖然	Although it was very hot, we didn't turn on the air-con.
2.	but	但是	It was very hot but we didn't turn on the air-con.
3.	However	但是	It was very hot. However , we didn't turn on the air-con.

	Position	
	At the start of the sentence	In the middle of the sentence
although		
but		
However		



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***Please note that:**

In Chinese, a pair of connectives is usually used to connect two sentences.

However, in English, they **CANNOT be used in pairs.**

Example 1:

- ✓ **Since/As** it is a holiday today, Mr Chan doesn't need to work.
- ✓ It is a holiday today, **so** Mr Chan doesn't need to work.
- ✗ **Since/As** it is a holiday today, **so** Mr Chan doesn't need to work.

Example 2:

- ✓ **Although** it is a holiday today, Mr Chan still needs to work.
- ✓ It is a holiday today **but** Mr Chan still needs to work.
- ✗ **Although** it is a holiday today, **but** Mr Chan still needs to work.

4. Others (其他)

	Connectives	Meaning	To Show	Example sentences
1.	so that	為了	Purpose 目的	I study hard so that I can get a good result.
2.	if	如果	Conditions 條件	If you study hard, you will get a good result.
3.	unless	除非	Conditions 條件	Unless you study hard, you will not get a good result.



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[P6 A02 P.7] Rewrite the sentences with the connectives in the brackets.

(1) Kenny doesn't like apples. Kenny doesn't like oranges. (or)

(2) Tom saves all his pocket money. Tom can buy a new phone. (so that)

(3) Travelling by taxi is expensive but it is convenient. (although)

(4) Sam woke up late. Sam took a taxi. (since)

(5) There was a heavy rain. We could not go out. (because of)



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